

**Amendments to the Specification**

After the Title and before "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION" please insert the following new paragraph:

"This application is a continuation of Application No. 08/906,930, filed August 6, 1997".

Please replace the paragraph at page 17, lines 27-29 with the following amended paragraph:

In yet another aspect, the invention provides methods of treating a subject suffering from viral influenza A infection, the method comprising administering to the subject a therapeutically effective amount of the modified M2 protein containing composition of the invention.